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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: LETTER HONORING SPARKMAN

(S/S NO. 7510872)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED TO A TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING SENATOR SPARKMAN TO BE HELD IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, ON JUNE 6 AT 7:00 P.M. AS YOUR SCHEDULE PRECLUDES YOUR APPEARANCE, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD GESTURE TO SEND A MESSAGE FOR THE OCCASION. IT WOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. ROBERT S. VANCE, STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ALABAMA, WHO INVITED YOU ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I AM SORRY I CANNOT JOIN YOU IN HONORING MY OLD FRIEND JOHN SPARKMAN. UNFORTUNATELY MY STAFF HAS SO ARRANGED IT THAT THE ONLY WAY I GET TO SEE HIM ANY MORE IS BY MANEUVERING TO HAVE HIM CALL ME TO TESTIFY BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE. I WILL NONETHELESS BE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT. JOHN AND I EACH IN OUR OWN WAY HAVE WORKED HARD TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE AND OVER THE YEARS I HAVE ACQUIRED A GREAT RESPECT

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FOR HIS INTELLIGENCE AND LEADERSHIP. HE RICHLY DESERVES THE

TRIBUTE YOU WILL BE PAYING HIM. MY BEST WISHES FOR A VERY
PLEASANT EVENING. END TEXT.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU SEND THE ABOVE MESSAGE HONORING SENATOR SPARKMAN.

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